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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
 - To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
 - **The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.**

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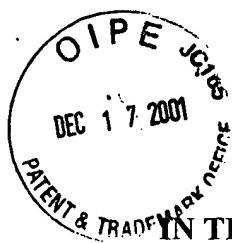
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Filed: **August 17, 2001**) Examiner: **Unassigned**
For: **FIXED NETWORK SYSTEM FOR**) Atty. Docket No.: **SCH2**
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Sir:

Enclosed please find the following items for filing in connection with the above-identified patent application:

- (1) Submission of Missing Parts of Non-Provisional Application;

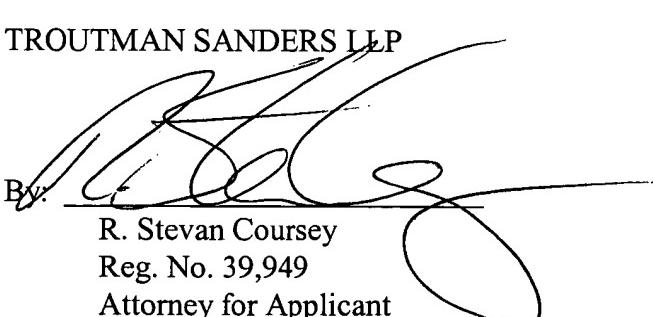
- (2) Notice to File Missing Parts of Non-Provisional Application (Copy);
- (3) Executed Declaration and Power of Attorney of Ruben E. Salazar Cardozo;
- (4) Petition for One Month Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a);
- (5) Fee Transmittal for FY 2002;
- (6) Check Number 273822 in the amount of \$130.00 in payment of the declaration surcharge fee as prescribed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(e);
- (7) Check Number 277829 in the amount of \$110.00 in payment of the fee for a one month extension of time as prescribed by 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(1); and,
- (8) Return Postcard.

No other fee is believed to be due in connection with the Submission of Missing Parts of Non-Provisional Application or the Petition for One Month Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) forwarded herewith. However, if any other fee is deemed to be due, please charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 20-1507.

Respectfully submitted,

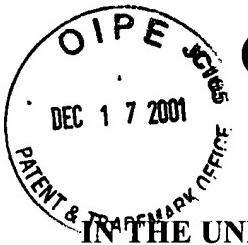
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Sir:

The "Notice to File Missing Parts of Non-Provisional Application" mailed September 18, 2001 (a copy of which is attached hereto), indicates that "the oath or declaration is unsigned" and that "a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.16(e) of \$130

for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items.” In response, Applicant respectfully submits herewith for filing in connection with the above-identified patent application, the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney of Ruben E. Salazar Cardozo and Check No. 273822 in the amount of \$130.00 in payment of the declaration surcharge fee set forth in 37 C.R.R. § 1.16(e). Applicant is also concurrently filing herewith a Petition for a One Month Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and Check No. 277829 in the amount of \$110.00 in payment of the fee for a one month extension of time as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1).

Applicant believes that no other fees are due in connection with this Submission of Missing Parts of Non-Provisional Patent Application. However, if other fees are deemed to be due, please charge such fees to Deposit Account No. 20-1507.

Respectfully submitted,

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